POPTAC Methodology Minutes 092906

Minutes from last meeting adopted as written.

Presentation by Jack Tomasik given on CAAG database. Same as MAG databases. Three year horizon to completion. Built to be used with GIS. New construction will be able to be shown by location. Routine quarterly updates. Data given to DES for estimates quarterly. It came to light after last years estimates. Big difference. CAAG and DES decided that DES would allow counties to update all data back to 2000 for housing stock. CAAG tried to meet the 10/29/06 deadline for changes. It was a bigger job than was realized and the deadline could not be met. CAAG will have it competed for the next estimate cycle. CAAG thinks that the lessons learned in their experiment can be applied statewide. Local area staffs are resource challenged. Rural communities have extremely low budgets. Staff play multiple roles. Record keeping is erratic. Poor filing systems. No electronic copies at all. One big problem is proprietary software. Departments are not designed for research. Job responsibilities are shifted between individuals. Turnover a problem. No departmental procedures. The deadline could not be met so DES agreed to extend the CAAG effort into next year's estimates cycle.

State micro databases. COGS are closer to the action. Databases could be used for transportation planning and GIS purposes. No funds available for rural planning except for MPO (CAAG or MAG) should be mid level person doing the data collection at local area. Would be good to have one building permit inspection form for everyone in the state. Have one type of software to use around the state instead of all the versions of proprietary software.

Projections. Susan reported on the process of revision of Maricopa county projection because of their census survey.

DES is working on the sub-county projections. Working on getting equivalent areas between the 90 and 2000 census using GIS

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